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SHORE LINE

Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury State University

Large Collections Donated

Summer sees influx of new material

The Research Center's empty file cabinets in the work room filled quickly during the summer with the donation of several major collections. We have accepted and begun the processing of major collections from Richard Cooper, Wilmer O. Lankford, Roy C. Pollitt, Linda Louise Rogers Hamlet Estate and Mel Toadvine.

Mr. Cooper is adding to an existing collection. A graduate student has worked twenty hours a week processing and accessioning the thousands of documents in Mr. Cooper's collection. This portion of the collection consists mainly of patents, deeds and plats from the Peter Shockley papers, a Worcester County surveyor. About twenty hours per week is being spent on this collection, barely making a dent after two months.

Wilmer O. "Bill" Lankford, of Princess Anne, has donated a large number of periodicals, books and papers.

Roy C. Pollitt of Fenwick Island, Delaware, has donated his research on the Pollitt family, which includes good copies (from MdHR) of the source records he used.

The Linda Louise Rogers Hamlet estate donated many periodicals, books, and much family research. Preliminary cataloging produced nineteen pages of items.

Mel Toadvine, former editor of the *Daily Times* in Salisbury, has moved to Florida. Mr. Toadvine donated thirty years' of photographs from his newspaper days, plus old newspapers and a myriad of other items.

These are the huge collections which have been donated, none of which are ready for research as yet, but we have had numerous additions to existing collections and items for new collections donated which have taken time to process.

We also have a number of new books (see, New Acquisitions) which we have processed and made available for research.

Visit Our Web Page & E-Mail Us

Finally, in the middle of August, the new computer, for which we had been waiting a year, arrived. At that time Computer Services networked it to the rest of the University. Prior to that time, anyone attempting to e-mail Rebecca Miller sent messages to the "ozone" as there was no way to receive them. After another period of inacessibility due to the wrong address on the web page, all was fixed and by the end of September we were able to receive electronic mail. For now, until Computer Services will network our other computers, e-mail for the Research Center should be sent to **RFMILLER@SSU.EDU.**

Our web page should be updated shortly with new information. Shari Handley of Michigan, who is the page sponsor on the Gen-Web project for both Somerset and Wicomico Counties, has linked us to those pages. We're trying to get other pages to link us so that we may be found easily.

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Center Applies for Grant to Digitize

Everyone please cross your fingers for the Research Center. SSU's WebMaster is Anthony Curtis, an ardent supporter of the Research Center. In conjunction with another supporter, Betsy Corby of SSU's grants department, the Director has applied for a grant. While the Director and her assistants scurried to ascertain what collections fit the parameters of the grant, most credit for finding it and writing go to Tony and Betsy.

This grant, if received, will enable us to digitize portions of our holdings so that they will be scanned onto our website and "seamlessly" linked to the Library of Congress. No better publicity in the country could be had. We won't find out until April whether we qualify.

New Acquisitions

Our list of accessioned books is quite long this time but if you haven't been in to see us in the past few months, you will have missed these in the new book area:

The Granville District of North Carolina 1748-1763, Volume 2, by Margaret M. Hofmann.

The Granville District of North Carolina 1748-1763, Volume 3, by Margaret M. Hofmann.

The Granville District of North Carolina 1748-1763, Volume 4, by Margaret M. Hofmann.

Pennsylvania Births, Chester County 1682-1800, by John T. Humphrey

How Much is That in Real Money? A Historical Price Index for Use as a Deflator of Money Values in the Economy of the United States.

Law, Society, and Politics in Early Maryland. Edited by Hubrey Land, Lois Green Carr

Far From Home, Families of the Westward Journey, by Lillian Schlissel, Byrd Gibbens, Elizabeth Hampsten.

Colony of North Carolina 1735-1764, Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume 1, by Margaret M. Hofmann.

Within the Plantation Household, Black and White Women of the Old South, by Elizabeth Fox-Genovese.

What Did They Mean By That? A Dictionary of Historical Terms for Genealogists, by Paul Drake.

Law and People in Colonial America, by Peter Charles Hoffer.

The Story of the Stewarts, The Stewart Society.

Welsh Family history: A Guide to Research.

Virginia Genealogies along and near the Lower Rappahannock River, 1607-1799, Compiled by John Otto Yurechko.

Colonial Delaware Soldiers and Sailors, 1638-1776, Compiled by Henry C. Peden, Jr.

First Dorchester Families, Compiled by Calvin W. Mowbray.

Norfolk Co. Wills 1710-1753, Abstracted by Charles Fleming McIntosh.

The Plantation Mistress: Woman's World in the Old South, by Catherine Clinton.

Unruly Women: The Politics of Social and Sexual Control in the Old South, by Victoria E. Bynum.

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor, by Bertraum Hawthorne Groene.

Lower Norfolk County and Norfolk County Wills 1637-1710, by Charles Fleming McIntosh.

West Virginia Estate Settlements:an Index to Wills, Inventories, Appraisements, Land Grants, and Surveys to 1850, Compiled by Ross B. Johnston.

Southern Loyalists in the Civil War:The Southern Claims Commission, Compiled by Gary B. Mills.

Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812, North Carolina.

Grassroots of America:A Computerized Index to the American State Papers, Land Grants and Claims,1789-1837.

The First Explorations of the Trans-Allegheny Regions by the Virginians, 1650-1674.

Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775, by David Dobson.

Abstract of Early Kentucky Wills and Inventories, Abstracted by J. Estelle Stewart King.

Historic Families of Kentucky, by Thomas Marshall Green.

Muster Rolls and other Records of Service of Maryland Troops in the American Revolution 1775-1783.

Historical Register of Virginians

in the Revolution: Soldiers, Sailors, Marines. 1775-1783, by John Gwiathmey.
Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records, by Desmond Walls Allen.
1850 Census, North East Kentucky: Counties of Bath, Bourbon, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, and Nicholas.
Robert Cole's World, Agriculture and Society in Early Maryland, by Lois Carr, Russell Menard, Lorena Walsh.
Maryland to Carolina: Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800, by Henry Reden Jr.
Abstracts of the Administration Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, 1724-1731, Abstract by V.L. Skinner.
Index of Sussex County, Delaware Wills, 1800-1851, by Marguerite R. Moore.
The Maryland Gazette 1727-1761, by Karen Green.
The Records of the Virginia Company of London, Documents II, 1623-1626.
Calender of Kent County; Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800, by Leon deValinger Jr.
Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution Contennial History 1889-1989, by Henry Peden Jr.
Virginia Gleanings in England: Abstracts of the 18th Century English Wills and Administrations Relating to Virginia and Virginians.
Discover Why it's Called.... Souvenir Booklet of the Maryland Eastern Shore- Fruitland, Bestpitch, Trappe, Ocean City, by Dex Nilsson.
A Chronicle of War of 1812 Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines, by Dennis Blizzard.
Heirs and Legatees of Caroline County, by Irma Harper.
Americans of 1776, Daily Life in Revolutionary America, by James Schouler.
Women and the Law of Property in Early America, by Mary Lynn Salmon.
Genealogy Is More Than Charts, by Lorna Smith.
Original Land Titles in Delaware or The Duke of York Record.
American Militia in the Frontier Wars, 1790-1796, by Murtis Clark.
Province of North Carolina 1663-1729, Abstracts of Land Patents, by Margaret Hofmann.
Guide to the Draper Manuscripts, by Josephine Harper.
Geneological Resources in English Repositories, by Jay Maultan.
Foulke Family, by Ray Foulke.
Architecture and Gardens, by Henry Forman.
Teackle the Mansion and the Man, by Daniel Houlihan.
Records of Indentured Servants and of Certificates for Land Northumberland County, Virginia 1650-1795.
The Chesapeake Bay Country, by Swepson Earle
A Preliminary Guide to Pre-1904 County Records in the Virginia State Library and Archives.
Eastern Shore by Coach and Four and Other Stories, by Dorothy Nebel Harr.
My Maryland, by Aubrey Bodine.
Tench Tilghman, The Life and Times of Washington's Aide-de-Camp, by L.G. Shrene.
Community, Culture, and Economical Development. The Social Roots of Local Action, [Somerset County] by Meredith Ramsey.
Lower Eastern Shore Patriot, Bicentennial Edition.
Sharptown Firemen's Cemetery, Old Red Men's Cemetery and Taylor's Cemetery, Sharptown, Maryland, by Cynthia Bennett.
Baptismal Records of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the City of Groningen, Netherlands. Volume 1 1640-49 and Volume 2 1650-59, by Joann Riley McKey.
Tales of Old Maryland, by J.H.K. Shannahan.
People of Plenty: Economic Abundance and the American Character, by David Potter.
Men, Women, and Manners in Colonial Times Volume 1 and 2, by Sydney Fisher.
The New Nation, by Charles Wiltse.
American Minds: A History of Ideas, by Stow Persons.
The American Mind: Selections

from the Literature of the United States Volume 2.
Theories of Education in Early America 1655-1819.
England in the Age of the American Revolution, by Sir Lewis Namier.
American Immigration, by M. A. Jones.
Forging the American Republic 1760-1815, by Norman Risjord.
Conservation in Early American History, by Leonard Labaree.
The American Mind in the Mid-Nineteenth Century, by Irving Bartlett.
Early Virginia Families Along the James River, Volume 3, by Louise Foley.
The Scotch-Irish or The Scot in North Britain, North Ireland, and North America, by Charles Hanna.
The Scotch-Irish, Volume 2, by Charles Hanna.
Colonists from Scotland: Emigration to North America, 1707-1783, by Ian Graham.
English Adventures and Emigrants 1609-1660, by Peter Wilson Coldham.
John Smith's Map of Virginia with Brief History.
Mother Earth Land Grants in Virginia 1607-1699 by Stitt Robinson
Weights, Money, and Other Measures used by our Ancestors.
Free Blacks in Hartford, Somerset, and Talbot Counties, Maryland 1832.
Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants.
Revolutionary War Records, Virginia.
Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania Volume 1, 2, and 3.
An Abstract of North Carolina Wills 1760-1800.
Index to Pennsylvania's Colonial Records.
Illinois Census Returns 1820.
Index to the 1810 Census of Kentucky.
The Smithsonian Institution: A World of Discovery
1846 Portrait of the Nation.
Peninsular Canaan, The Eastern Shore in 1879, by Howard Pyle.
Maryland A Middle Temperament 1634-1980, by Robert Brugger.
Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana, by Roscoe O'Byrne.
Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors 1812, From Northampton Co., VA. by Stratton Nottingham.
Remembering Cape Charles. A Place for all People, by Francis Latimer.
Golden Days, by A.W.W. Woodcock.
History of Baltimore City and County, by J. Thomas Scharf.
Historical Archaeology of the 17th Century Chesapeake, by Michael Smolek.
Free Blacks on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, by Thomas Davidson.
Inventory of Historic Sites in Caroline County, Maryland Historical Trust, by Christopher Weeks.
Crab's Hole. A Family Story Of Tangier's Island, by Anne Hughes Jander.
The Watermen and Wild Ponies, by Robert Shears.
New Life for Maryland's Old Towns, by The Maryland Historical Trust.
Adaptation and Settlement in Colonial Chesapeake, by Lois Green Carr.
African Americans, by Maryland's Ethnic Heritage Division of Historical and Cultural Programs
Money and Banking in Maryland 1790-1865
Maryland Indians (brochure)
Muster Rolls of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the War of 1812-1814
Kentucky Marriage Records 1799-1817
Marriage and Death Notices 1799-1825, by Carrie Broughton.
The Torbert Camp Journal, vol. 1, no. 1, Winter 1996, no. 2 Spring 1996, no. 3 Summer 1996. [Civil War]
Genealogical and Local History Books in Print and Supplement, Bettet, Kamm, and Schreiner.
Colonial Granville County and its People 1728-1855.
Memoirs of the Early Pioneer Settlers of Ohio, 1634-1799.
Abstract of Probate Records: Washington County, Ohio 1789-1855.
Washington Co., Ohio Marriages:

1789-1840.
Settlers of Maryland 1751-1765, by Peter Wilson Coldham.
Settlers of Maryland 1766-1783, by Peter Wilson Coldham.
Inside the Great House: Planter Family Life in Eighteenth Century Chesapeake Society.
Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812, North Carolina.
Life in the American Colonies: Daily Lifestyles of the Early Settlers.
The Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century, 1607-1689, by Wesley Frank Craven.
The Antiques Directory Furniture, Editors: Judith and Martin Miller.
Early American Copper, Tin and Brass, by Henry Kauffman.
Home Building and Woodworking in Colonial America, by Keith Wilbur.
American Furniture, by John Bowman.
*History of Washington County, Maryland, Volume 1 and 2,*by Thomas Williams.
Membership List and Index of Ancestors with Brief Histories of National and State Organizations, by Almerin Marston.
Supplement to Genealogical Resources in English Repositories, by Joy Wade Moulton.
The Eastern Shore of Maryland, by W. Halstean.
Follow the Water, by Varley Lang.
History of Baltimore City and County, Volume 2, J. Scharf.
Sense of Place: American Regional Cultures.
The Loyalist in the American Revolution, by Claude Holstead Van Tyne.
Yearbook of Agriculture: 1931. U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture.
Baltimore Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Co.
Nat Turner's Slave Rebellion.
History of Bigotry in the USA.
The Antislavery Argument.
William Lloyd Garrison.
Land Office and Prerogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland by Gust Skordas.
Race and Politics, by Rawley.
Negro Protest Thought in the 20th Century, by Broderick Meier.
Elizabeth Woodcock of Chatillion - A Story of a Good Life, by Amos Woodcock.
Beautiful Swimmers, by William Warner.
The Negro in America, by Arnold Rose.
Some Early Immigrants to America / Early Immigrants to America from Liverpool.
Orderly Book of the Maryland Loyalists Regiment, by Caleb Jones.
Old Spring Hill, by Virginia MacElrath.
The Blessing of Peace, by Rev. William Fulton.
1870 Federal Census of Talbot County.
Through the Years With Asbury and Her People, 1810-1996 and *Historical Records of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church 1871-1887,* compiled by Linda Sterling. [Crisfield]
*The Dennises of Beverly and their Kin, Part 2,*by John V. Dennis, Sr.
Maryland Symbols, by Elmer Jackson.
The Deal Island Story, Myra Thomas Long.
The Register of Baptisms, by Helen Seymour

Director's Dialog

Please forgive the lateness of this newsletter. I have a litany of excuses--the main one being I had no help from mid May until September. Suffice to say that attendance was up 118% in July and 266% in August! However, I do promise--this is especially for our readers who subscribe--that you will not be shortchanged on newsletters.

NEW CREW OF STUDENTS AT CENTER

Mid May saw the departure of Liana Vrajiporu, Carolyn Lowman, Araina Krosney and Christine Richardson. September brought the familar face and only returning student assistant, Christine Murphy Richardson. Among our new faces are Mihaela D. Moscaliuc, Archie Stoops, II and Cezar Jackson.

Mihaela is from Iasi/Jassy Romania and was graduated from the University of Iasi in 1994. She did post-graduate

work in literary criticism and translation and for the past two years worked as an editor, part-time instructor and project-coordinator. Mihaela is a full-time graduate student at SSU, majoring in English.

Archie Stoops, II is from Baltimore, a junior majoring in education and is with us ten hours per week.

Cezar Jackson was graduated from Salisbury State University in December 1995 as a history major and is a graduate student in the Master of Arts and Teaching program. Cezar is expecting to complete his master's degree course work in July 1997.

Errata from Spring 1996 Issue

Correction for Shore Line. Volume III, No. 4 Spring 1996 Page 5 *Researching our Records.*

Marriages of 1853

The following corrections should be made for line #13: It should read as follows. The changes are underlined.

Joseph Wingate Elliott of Sm and Martha J(ane) Ellingsworth was lawfully joined February the 8th of 1853.

This correcting data is from two sources: 1) The Family Bible of Katie Elliott Kane, a direct desendant of Samuel B. Joseph Elliott and Nancy Hitchens, parents of Joseph Wingate Elliott. 2) Christ Church Records, Broad Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware as given in Delaware Church Records by R.B. Clark. Page 25- Register of Marriages "I married this evening at the house of George Jermin, Joseph W. Elliott to Miss Martha Jane Ellingsworth both of County of Sussex." Preacher R. F. Cadle Submitted by RCDHAC member, Joan Elliott Dunn. (Direct descendant of Joseph Elliott and Martha Jane Ellingsworth), 231 Jami Avenue, Laurel, DE. 19956-9656. Telephone (302) 875-4101.

Acknowledgments

It's time to embarrass our most faithful volunteers, without whom the Research Center would not be what it is today. **Jeff Pilchard** was in charge of the Monday night volunteer staffing and did a wonderful job coordinating that. Our dear friend **Lucy Whitehead** agreed to take over that job in August and singlehandedly--with assistance from husband **Lloyd**--manned the Monday night post for almost three months. **Faye Brooks** has been a big help answering genealogical queries and assisting visitors on Monday afternoons. The ever-faithful **Polly Batchelder** arrives each Tuesday to help in whatever way she can. Polly is the one responsible for the finding aid for Somerset County microfilms and the new *Guide for Beginners at the Research Center.*

Pat Taylor came in several times during the summer to help answer 'phones and assist researchers. **Ray Thompson** has always come to the rescue whenever needed and "sat the Center" for a week in June so Becky Miller could have time off, plus other occasions when she had to be out of the office. A new volunteer this fall is **Carolyn Lowman**, our former student assistant, who finds time for us Wednesday and Friday mornings in her busy schedule.

Many thanks to all the unnamed who have helped on projects, worked on Monday nights and assisted in any way.

COVERLET EXHIBIT
SPONSORED BY CENTER

Board members John Jacob and Diane Savage, with Dean Ronald Dotterer of SSU, conceived the idea to display coverlets as a fundraiser for the Research Center.

The coverlets, owned by Mrs. Kay Hawthorne of Greenwood, Delaware, will be on display at The Galleries at Salisbury State University from 31 January through 9 March 1996. This will be the lead story next issue.

Environment and History in the Colonial Chesapeake

By Kevin A. Henry

As the luster of the twentieth century dims and we look toward the next century we must put a greater emphasis on our country's origins. Technological advances such as computers, airplanes, satellites, and television are pulling our minds toward the future and not to the past.

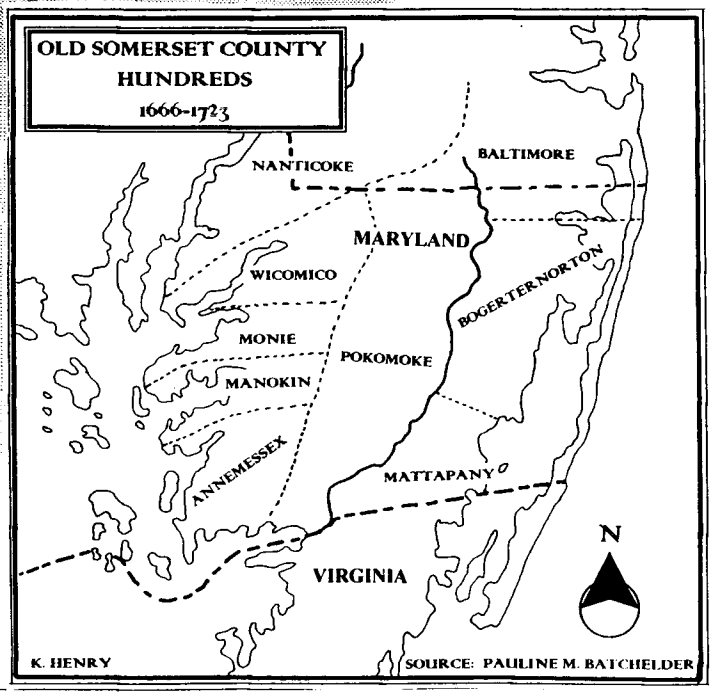
One particular paradigm which historians need to research and understand better is early Colonial America. Colonial American history will give students a true representation of how our democratic society has evolved over time. A problem which we run into as we march on in time is the distortion of information due to the lack of primary sources. Without primary sources we can not write history. In addition to only having a small amount of resources, historians need to consistently worry about people throwing away and not taking appropriate care of primary sources. Historical research centers and universities do their best to collect and store these primary materials, but a cooperative societal effort is needed to be successful. Every time a primary source is lost we lose a piece of the puzzle needed to reconstruct history. Understanding our past will be essential in this upcoming century. As society becomes more complex we will look to our country's past to find essential answers to our current problems.

One aspect of early colonial American history that interests me is agriculture on the Eastern Shore in the late seventeenth century. Agriculture during this time period was fundamental to the survival of the immigrants coming to this new land. Conversely, essential to the survival of crops is the quality of the soil available. Soil is a natural organic mineral substance layering the earth. Soil is common to all human beings, but today our dependence upon it is overlooked by most in our fast paced world. When Captain John Smith arrived and voyaged this area in 1608 he made a significant reference to the soil, *" The vesture of the earth in most places doth manifestly proue the nature of the soyle to be lusty and very rich."* It becomes evident from this quotation that the soil was a very important aspect of thinking during this time period . In the last 389 years we have increasingly grown more insensitive of our life giving natural resources.

At the present time it seems that much of the research done on this time period has centered around kinship, genealogy, religion, slavery, roles of women, and economics. The land of which all this history has taken place has been neglected and overlooked. I have recently proposed and begun my master's thesis on the effects of geography on the evolution of Bogerternorton Hundred. Bogerternorton Hundred was one of the original Hundreds on Maryland's Eastern Shore located in the county of Old Somerset, which later became Worcester.

My thesis will attempt to map out the original land tracts of this area and try to develop a spatial understanding of the people and the land. Once completed the map which I will create will be overlaid with another map containing soil types, and river tributaries that run off the Pocomoke river. These maps, aided with other primary sources, will help me develop a vision of each landholder's property from a geographical perspective and understand spatially the types of crops that were grown, family and kinships, friends and neighbors and the local economic network. Essentially the goal of my thesis is to understand how the members of an early Eastern Shore Community lived with each other and with the land from a microcosmic perspective.

All of my research thus far has taken place at the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury State University. The types of primary sources that are being used on this project are wills, estate accounts, guardian accounts, inventories, court records, tax lists, patents, deeds and rent roles. In addition to the primary sources, I have begun to consult many secondary sources that include both books and journal articles. For purposes of mapping I am using a computer program called "Deed Mapper". Although very helpful, there are many limitations with the program, therefore I will rely on my cartographic background to complete most of the drafting of the maps. I hope to finish my thesis in time for graduation in the Spring of 1997 and look forward to sharing it with you.



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from the Director and student staff

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